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SUBJECT: CSCE: BASKET III - INTRODUCTORY LANGUAGE FOR CULTURE

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1. FRENCH HAVE CIRCULATED WITHIN NATO BASKET II CAUCUS FOLLOWING REVISION OF THEIR PROPOSED PREAMBULAR DECLARATION FOR CULTURE. NEW TEXT HAS SEVERAL OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES AND WE PLAN TO SUPPORT THOSE DELEGATIONS SEEKING PERSUADE FRENCH TO MAKE FURTHER IMPORVEMENTS BEFORE PRESENTING IT TO SOVIETS.

BEGIN TEXT: (INFORMAL TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH ORIGINAL)

THE PARTICIPATING STATES,

(1) CONSIDERING THAT CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION CONTRIBUTE TO BETTER COMPREHENSION BETWEEN MEN AND THUS FAVOR LASTING UNDERSTANDING AMONG PEOPLES,
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(2) CONFIRMING THE INTENTIONS THEY HAVE ALREADY MANIFESTED IN THIS FIELD BY MULTILATERAL MEANS, NOTABLY AT THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE ON CULTURAL POLICIES IN EUROPE, ORGANIZED BY UNESCO IN HELSINKI IN JUNE 1972, WHERE INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED IN ACTIVE PARTICPATION BY WIDER SOCIAL GROUPS IN AN ENLARGED CULTURE,

(3) INTENDING TODAY, WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF DETENTE IN EUROPE, TO PROMOTE MORE STRONGLY THIS MOVEMENT AND TO GIVE IT WIDER SCOPE,

(4) WILLING WITHIN THIS SPIRIT TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY THEIR CULTURAL EXCHANGES, IN PARTICULAR BY FACILITATING GREATER MOBILITY OF PERSONS AND THEIR WORKS OF ART,

(5) WILLING WITHIN THE SAME SPIRIT TO DEVELOP AMONG THEMSELVES, BOTH BILATERALLY AND MULTILATERALLY, ACTIVE CULTURAL COOPERATION LEADING, IN ALL AREAS WHERE THIS APPEARS USEFUL, TO THE JOINT COMMITMENT BY INTERESTED COUNTRIES OF THEIR OWN RESOURCES IN EFFORTS OF COMMON INTEREST,

(6) AND CONVINCED THAT SUCH A BRINGING TOGETHER OF THEIR MUTUAL RELATIONS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ENRICHMENT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE CULTURES, WHILE RESPECTING THE ORIGINALITY OF EACH, AND WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRENGTHENING AMONG THEM OF AN AWARENESS OF COMMON VALUES, WHILE MAINTAINING THEIR INDISPENSABLE COOPERATION WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD (OUVERTURE SUR LE MONDE)

(7) DECLARE FOR THEMSELVES THE FOLLOWING COMMON OBJECTIVES:

A) TO DEVELOP THE MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON THEIR RESPECTIVE CULTURAL WORKS AND EXPERIENCES;

B) TO IMPROVE THE MATERIAL CONDITIONS OF CIRCULATION FOR CULTURAL OBJECTS AND MESSAGES;

C) TO ENSURE FREE ACCESS BY ALL TO THEIR RESPECTIVE CULTURAL WORKS;
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D) TO MULTIPLY CONTACTS AND ENCOURAGE COOPERATION AMONG CREATIVE ARTISTS AND PEOPLE ENGAGED IN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES;

E) TO SEEK NEW FIELDS AND NEW FORMS OF CULTURAL COOPERATION;

(8) THEY THUS STATE THEIR COMMON WILL TO CARRY OUT -- WHETHER INDIVIDUALLY OR CONCERTEDLY -- PROGRESSIVE, COHERENT AND LONG-TERM ACTION IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS DECLARATION,

(9) AND EXPRESSING FROM THIS MOMENT THEIR INTENTION TO APPLY, IF NECESSARY WITH THE HELP OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH THEY BELONG, THE MEASURES CONTAINED IN THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION. END TEXT.

2. COMMENT: FRENCH HAVE MADE SOME EFFORT TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF CRITICISMS AND SUGGESTIONS ADVANCED DURING EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITHIN THE FIFTEEN ON ORIGINAL FRENCH CULTURAL DECLARATION (REFS A AND B). HOWEVER, SEVERAL DEFICIENCIES REMAIN AND NUMBER OF DELS IN FIFTEEN (SPEARHEADED BY UK, NETHERLANDS AND CANADA) ARE SEEKING PERSUADE FRENCH TO IMPROVE TEXT BEFORE PRESENTING IT TO SOVIETS. THESE DELS HAVE STRESSED FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) TEXT IS STILL TOO LONG, BEING TWICE THE LENGTH OF OTHER PREAMBLES IN BASKET III; (B) PARAGRAPH (3) CONTAINS GRATUITOUS AND RESTRICTIVE REFERENCE TO "DEVELOPMENT OF DETENTE IN EUROPE," WHICH SHOULD BE DELETED (REF C); AND (C) TEXT AS WHOLE NEEDS TO BE TIGHTENED UP AND MADE MORE READABLE.

3. WE AGREE WITH FOREGOING CRITICISMS, AND PLAN TO SUPPORT THOSE DELS SEEKING PROMPT DEVELOPMENT OF TEXT ACCEPTABLE TO ALL OF FIFTEEN.

4. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENTS DEPARTMENT MAY WISH MAKE AT THIS JUNCTURE ON NEW FRENCH TEXT. DALE

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